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TITLE OF INVENTION: GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONALIZED MULTIMEDIA NATURAL PHENOMENOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/004,623

Examiner

Edward R. Cosimano

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 19 October 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-23,30-34 and 70-79.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

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1. EXAMINER'S COMMENT

1.1 When preparing this Office action the examiner considers the instant application to include:

A) the Oath/Declaration filed on 03 December 2001 which is acceptable to the examiner;

B) the Abstract filed on 03 December 2001 which is acceptable to the examiner;

C) figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 of the set of drawings containing 17 sheets of 17 figures comprising figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 17 as presented in the set of drawings filed on 03 December 2001 and figures 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 as presented in the set of drawings filed on 19 October 2009 where the content of figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 19 of the above set of drawings is acceptable to the examiner;

D) the written description as filed on 03 December 2001 and amended on 03 April 2008 and as amended on 19 October 2009; and

E) the set of claims as filed on 19 October 2009.

1.2 Applicant's claim for the benefit of an earlier filing date pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 is acknowledged.

1.3 The examiner has considered the prior art cited in the base applications.

1.4 The examiner has approved the proposed changes to figures 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 of the drawings as filed on 19 October 2009.

2. RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS

2.1 The objections and rejection that have not been repeated here in have been over come by applicant's last response.

3. REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3.1 The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

A) the prior art, for example:

(1) either Zereski Jr. et al (5,654,886) or Wickes et al (5,990,805) or Peek et al (6,343,255) or Jones et al (6,542,825) or Kelly et al (6,498,987) or Glorikian (6,772,213) disclose a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function providing a multi-media indication of desired data/information, for

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example, natural phenomena data/information, that is of interest to the user/operator. To provide this indication a central computer implemented facility uses a suitable communications link in order to receive an indication from the user/operator of the type of data/information that is desired by the user/operator by selecting one type of data/information from one or more different categories or types of available data/information. Based on the received indication of the desired type of data/information from the user/operator, the central facility uses one or more suitable communications links in order to collect or retrieve relevant data/information from each one of the one or more remotely located sensors and/or relevant data/information bases/structures which have been previously created from the various sources of the relevant types of data/information. The relevant data/information that has been collected from the remote databases is then processed and formatted in order to create a suitable indication, for example a multi-media presentation, of the collected relevant data/information for the interested user/operator on the interested user/operator's display device. After the suitable indication of the desired data/information has been generated and suitably stored within one or more data/information bases/structures, then the central facility uses a suitable communications link in order to provide the suitable indication to the interested user/operator that had requested the data/information. Where (1) in either or Peek et al (6,343,255) or Jones et al (6,542,825), the phenomena data/information is collected and stored in one or more data/information bases/structured from one or more remotely located sensors of the phenomena data/information; (2) in either Wickes et al (5,990,805) or Kelly et al (6,498,987) an user profile is used in order to retrieve, process and display the requested information based on a location in the user's profile; and (3) in Glorikian (6,772,213) the request may include position or location information that is used in order to retrieve data/information for the region or area indicated by the received position data/information.

(2) either Tu (6,014,606) or Baron Sr. et al (6,018,699 or 2002/0004705) disclose machine/process that provide the useful and beneficial function of

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indicating natural phenomena data/information to interested users. To provide or indicate natural phenomena data/information to interested users, natural phenomena data/information from one or more suitable sources is centrally collected. The collected natural phenomena data/information is then used in order to generate one or more suitable displays of the natural phenomena data/information by organizing the collected natural phenomena data/information for a geographical area into the one or more suitable displays for the geographical area based on the co-ordinates from which the natural phenomena data/information has been collected. After the displays of natural phenomena data/information have been generated, the generated displays of natural phenomena data/information are communicated to remote interested users over a suitable communications link, such as a wireless link. The interested users may then select the natural phenomena data/information to be displayed to the interested users.

B) however, the prior art does not fairly teach or suggest in regard to claims 18 & 30 a process in claims 18 & 30 that provides the useful and beneficial function of providing accumulated natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to remote users based on received user preferences and a received data/information representing the location of user by providing actions in claims 18 & 30 that perform at least the functions of:

(1) receiving at a central location natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information from one or more sources;

(2) receiving at the central location from a wireless device that is being used by an user data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device;

(3) receiving at the central location from the wireless device used by the user data/information representing the user's preference criteria for selecting natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information;

(4) selecting or choosing a portion or subset of the natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information based on the received data/information

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representing the current geographical location of the wireless device and the received data/information representing the user's preference criteria; and

(5) communication or sending or transmitting the selected portion or subset of the natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to the wireless device being used by the user.

Claims 19-23, which depend from claim 18, and claims 31-34, which depend from claim 30, are allowable for the same reason.

C) however, the prior art does not fairly teach or suggest in regard to claim 70 a machine in claim 70 that provides the useful and beneficial function of providing accumulated natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to remote users based on received user preferences and a received data/information representing the location of user by providing structures in claim 70 that perform at least the functions of:

(1) using a wireless device in order to transmit data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device to a central location; and

(2) using a server at the central location with at least a receiver, a memory and a processor to perform the functions of:

(2a) using the receiver to receive natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information from one or more sources;

(2b) using the receiver to receive from the wireless device the transmitted data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device;

(2c) storing the received natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information in the memory; and

(2d) using the processor in order to select or choose a portion or subset of the stored natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information based at least upon the received data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device in order to communicate or send or transmit the selected portion or subset of the natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to the wireless device.



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Claims 71-76, which depend from claim 70, are allowable for the same reason.

D) however, the prior art does not fairly teach or suggest in regard to claim 77 a process in claim 77 that provides the useful and beneficial function of providing accumulated natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to remote users based on received user preferences and a received data/information representing the location of user by providing actions in claim 77 that perform at least the functions of:

(1) receiving at a central location natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information from one or more sources;

(2) receiving at the central location from a wireless device that is being used by an user data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device;

(3) selecting or choosing a portion or subset of the natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information based on the received data/information representing the current geographical location of the wireless device and the received data/information representing the user's preference criteria; and

(4) communication or sending or transmitting or delivering the selected portion or subset of the natural phenomena, or meteorological, data/information to the wireless device being used by the user.

Claims 78-79, which depend from claim 77, are allowable for the same reason.

#### 4. ART OF INTEREST

##### 4.1 The examiner has cited prior art of interest, for example:

A) Kennedy et al (4,812,825) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function providing an alarm or warning in the event of the occurrence of a natural phenomena. To provide a warning this machine/process receives data/information that represents one or more criteria for the one or more conditions that are indicative of the occurrence of the natural phenomena. One or more sensors are then used in order to detect the one or more conditions that are indicative of the occurrence of the natural phenomena. The output signals from the one or more sensors are then processed relative to the received criteria in order to determine if the one or more sensed conditions are indicative of the occurrence of the natural phenomena. When the

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processing results in an indication that the one or more sensed conditions are indicative of the occurrence of the natural phenomena, then a suitable warning indication is provided to an interested user/operator.

B) either Kruhoeffer et al (5,379,215) or Burfeind et al (6,052,648) disclose a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of generating and displaying a three dimensional (3D) image of the weather and terrain in which weather related data/information is retrieved from one or more sources and geographical data/information for an area retrieved from one or more sources. The retrieved data/information is then combined or merged into a series of one or more individual 3d images that are then suitably displayed to an interested user/operator.

C) either McGraw et al (5,628,050) or Dey: "The WMO Format For The Storage Of Weather Product Information And The Exchange Of Weather Product Messages In Gridded Binary Form As Used By NCEP Central Operations", Edition 1, Office Note .388-GRIB, National Centers for Environmental Prediction Central Operations, p 105, (March 10, 1998), disclose a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function providing a portable machine/process for providing an alarm or warning in the event of the occurrence of a natural phenomena. To provide a warning this portable machine/process receives data/information via a suitable communications link representing the detected occurrence of the natural phenomena. After receiving the data/information over the communications link, this portable machine/process provides a suitable warning indication to the interested user/operator. Where the machine/process of Dey uses a grid format in order to display the natural phenomena data/information and hence in order to indicate the occurrence of the natural phenomena to the interested user/operator.

D) Kari et al (6,154,745) discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function of retrieving stored information from one or more data/information bases by using an user's search query in combination with a stored user profile in order to filter the results of the user's search of the databases.

E) either Naidoo (6,629,136) or Smith (7,084,775), with latter effective filing dates, disclose a machine/process with a latter effective filing date that provides the

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useful and beneficial function of providing user requested content and alerts based on a received user request and location data/information received from the user of a portable device.

F) Ramer et al (7,603,360), with a latter effective date, discloses a machine/process that provides the useful and beneficial function providing a multi-media indication of desired data/information, for example, natural phenomena data/information, that is of interest to the user/operator. To provide this indication a central computer implemented facility uses a suitable communications link in order to receive an indication from the user/operator of the type of data/information that is desired by the user/operator by selecting one type of data/information from one or more different categories or types of available data/information. Based on the received indication of the desired type of data/information from the user/operator, the central facility uses one or more suitable communications links in order to collect or retrieve relevant data/information from each one of the one or more remotely located sensors and/or relevant data/information bases/structures which have been previously created from the various sources of the relevant types of data/information. The relevant data/information that has been collected from the remote databases is then processed and formatted in order to create a suitable indication, for example a multi-media presentation, of the collected relevant data/information for the interested user/operator on the interested user/operator's display device. After the suitable indication of the desired data/information has been generated and suitably stored within one or more data/information bases/structures, then the central facility uses a suitable communications link in order to provide the suitable indication to the interested user/operator that had requested the data/information.

## 5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward R. Cosimano whose telephone number is 571-272-0571. The examiner can normally be reached on 571-272-0571 from 7:30am to 4:00pm (Eastern Time).

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5.2 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn, can be reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

5.3 Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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